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Dear Mr. President:

Following the NSC meeting last Friday, you asked me for recommendations of any additional actions that might be taken in South Vietnam to improve the prospects of accomplishing United States purposes and objectives in that country. Attached is a list of 12 actions which can be taken and which I believe will help. All are designed to improve the viability of the government, to promote cohesion within the South Vietnamese military structure, and to encourage South Vietnamese people to support their government and to participate more actively in the defense of their country.

Some of the proposed actions are not dissimilar to current undertakings of the U.S. Mission. However it is my belief that additional effort in the proposed areas, performed by men who have had long backgrounds of experience in South Vietnam, would be very useful.

Respectfully yours,

John A. McCone

Attachment  
The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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